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BOOK REVIEWS

MAGNA CARTA AND OTHER ADDRESSES, by William D. Guthrie, LL. D.
(New York: Columbia University Press, 1916, pp. vi, 282.)

This book contains notable addresses, delivered on various occasions by one of the leading members of the New York Bar, upon questions of great interest to both the legal profession and the laymen acquainted with our legal, social, economic and political problems.

The addresses deserving special mention are: "Magna Carta;" "The Mayflower Compact;" "Constitutional Morality;" "The Eleventh Amendment;" "Criticism of the Courts;" "Graduated or Progressive Taxation" and "Nominating Conventions." The writer's treatment of the right of courts to declare acts of legislatures unconstitutional in his address on "Constitutional Morality" is particularly pleasing. Another phase of the same question is ably discussed in the address on "Criticism of Courts." With his great experience as a constitutional lawyer and teacher of constitutional law, his discussion of this great constitutional question is very thorough and illuminating, and will surely meet the approval of both bench and bar because of the intelligent manner in which he refutes the undeserved criticism of judges by demagogues and self-styled reformers. While not contending that the judicial department is above criticism, and it is not just criticism that is to be feared, he points out very forcibly with the aid of actual decisions to support his contention, that the great volume of censure and abuse of judges in this respect has come either from a reckless disregard of the true facts in each case or distorted and false statements.

The writer's style is free, simple and easy to read, and the questions treated are of so much present interest that the book is both interesting and instructive throughout. It should commend itself unreservedly to all those desiring short, terse, yet profound discussions of many of our present day legal and political problems.

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TREATIES, THEIR MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT, 2d ed., by Samuel B. Crandall.
(Washington: John Byrne & Co., 1916, pp. xxxii, 663.)

This is the second edition of an authoritative work which, upon its first publication, received a warm welcome from those interested in the constitutional aspects of the treaty making power and in the procedure used in international intercourse. It is concerned primarily with the making and construction of treaties, but its international aspects are of great importance, and its second part deals with the treaty making power of foreign states.

On the treaty making power in the United States the work may well claim to be exhaustive. Separate chapters consider treaties prior to the articles of confederation, under the articles of confederation, the treaty making clause in the convention, and the discussion proceeding